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SUBJECT: TV REPORT OF MEXICAN BORDER VIOLATION

1. EL PASOEDS CHANNEL 13 TV WIDELY VIEWED IN CIUDAD JUAREZ REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND THAT TWO U.S. BORDER PATROLMEN HAD PURSUED AN ILLEGAL ALIEN ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE, KILLED HIM ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AND DRAGGED HIS BODY BACK TO THE U.S. SIDE. I HAVE CHECKED WITH ACTING DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF INS IN EL PASO WHO INFORMS ME THAT THE TRUE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WAS AS FOLLOWS: A GROUP OF BORDERPATROLMEN WERE ENGAGED IN SURVEILLANCE OF THE BORDER ON THE EAST SIDE OF EL PASO THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, MAY 19. AT ABOUT 11:30 P.M. TWO GROUPS OF ALIENS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SMUGGLERS CROSSED THE RIVER. THE BORDER PATROLMEN TOOK THE FIRST GROUP INTO CUSTODY. THE SECOND GROUP STARTED BACK FOR THE RIVER WITH THE APPARENT INTENTION OF RETURNING TO MEXICO. ONE PATROLMAN WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE ALIENS AND THE RIVER. A STRUGGLE ENSUED BETWEEN THAT PATROLMAN AND ONE ALIEN. THEY FELL INTO THE RIVER AND IN THE COURSE OF THS ALIEN'S ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN POSSESSION OF PATROLMAN'S GUN, TWO SHOTS WERE FIRED. ONE BULLET ENTERED

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THE ALIEN'S LEG AND EXITED THROUGH THE GROIN. THE ALIEN IS ALIVE IN A HOSPITAL IN EL PASO. THE PATROLMAN REPORTS THAT THE STRUGGLE, INCLUDING THE SHOOTING, TOOK PLACE IN THE WATER AND THAT AT NO TIME DURING THE STRUGGLE DID HE OR THE ALIEN ENTER MEXICAN TERRITORY.

2. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAD A GLASS DOOR BROKEN, APPARENTLY

BY A ROCK, OVER THE WEEKEND. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS HAS  
ANY CONNECTION WITH THE ERRONEOUS NEWS REPORT.  
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